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SHANGHAI GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce last week Mr. E. F. Mackay, the Chairman, in reviewing the work of the year, said:—

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS SETTLED.

Reference is made in the Report to a discussion which your Committee had with the Inspector General of Customs during his visit to the port. Several outstanding questions were dealt with, and while Mr. Aglen was necessarily careful, and we could not see eye to eye, it was evident that he was at least willing to look at matters from the judicial point of view so far as he could while safeguarding Customs control. Several questions of minor importance were courteously and promptly disposed of by Mr. Aglen and Mr. Unwin, who was also present at the meeting.

WHANGPU CONSERVANCY.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to your Committee that the work of Conservancy of the Whangpu for which they and their predecessors worked so long and arduously, continues to be carried on effectively, and with most valuable aid to the shipping and trade of the port.

THE LIKIN QUESTION.

Questions arising from the imposition of taxation under the various heads of likin are constantly arising, and they bristle with difficulties. It would therefore be a matter for congratulation, if, in the interests of this country and the many nations trading with it, the question could be firmly taken in hand by the Authorities in Peking and settled definitely and finally, so that imports and exports could be handled without merchants having constantly to face expenses unforeseen and unprovided for in their calculations.

CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

In support of protests from the Chefoo Chamber of Commerce we also protested strongly through the Consular Body against the Chinese Government's unexplained delay in passing the plans for the Chefoo Breakwater Scheme, for which the levy of a tax on vessels visiting the Ports was approved in July, 1913, and under which the amount collected to date amounts to over two lacs of taels. Since these protests were lodged it has been announced that the plans for the scheme have been passed and we trust that work will soon be commenced on this important project.

THE "OPEN DOOR" IN MANCHURIA.

With reference to preferential railway rates in Manchuria we continue to press for "Open Door" treatment, but so far the Japanese Authorities have met us with what can only be described as statements of a most evasive nature.

CURRENCY REFORM.

Currency reform may be classed with Likin as one of those reforms which it is hoped the Chinese Government will take thoroughly in hand at an early date and that it will cover all necessary measures for the prevention of the excessive issue of subsidiary coins, an abuse which the Government in its own interest, should permanently and effectively remove. The manipulation of native exchange rates between ports is also a matter for serious concern which a stable currency would do much to restrain.

USEFUL LISTS.

Your Committee has now in the printer's hands a list of the Native Banks, members of the Bankers' Guild, who issue bank orders, and this will be circulated to you as soon as possible. We have also applied to the Piece Goods Guild for a list of their members and if it is received, which we have no doubt will be the case, it likewise will be circulated to members.

EFFECTS OF THE WAR.

The war in Europe has had a material effect on both the import and the export trade of this country, but particularly the latter, because of the natural restrictions which have been placed on merchants of belligerent nationalities, who have in consequence been unable to operate freely. On account of certain Governments' requirements of merchant vessels' services and of the laying up of Austrian ships, tonnage has been scarce and freights high, and that unsatisfactory feature from the merchant's point of view is likely to be accentuated as time goes on. Regarding imports, there were heavy outstandings from 1913, while merchants in the early months of the year did not care to move merchandise over trade routes where disaffection existed. This insecurity also affected native banking and the acute financial stringency limited dealings to a large extent to merchants able to buy for hard cash. Large stocks of silver are still being hoarded by the Native Banks in the safe custody of Foreign Banks here, which should be employed in assisting trade up country, and the native bankers' ultra-conservative policy in this respect is not only hampering trade, but it is indirectly a source of considerable loss to the bankers themselves. It is not, however, a matter upon which your Committee feel they can or are entitled to make any representation. With all these handicaps Customs revenue shows a remarkably healthy return, and peace reigns practically throughout the whole country. Szechuan would appear to be the only Province where a strong hand is needed, and it is gratifying to record that the Government, alive to the necessity of dealing at once with brigandage, have despatched a General from Peking with troops to deal with the situation.

PROGRESS IN CHINA.

From this chair about two years ago I expressed an opinion that it appeared to be China's honest desire to adopt friendly relations with foreign countries and that construction of railways and the establishment of industrial undertakings would inevitably follow leading to permanent prosperity. I think to-day

there is every reason to continue to be hopeful. Thousands of miles of railway have been and are now being laid, the mineral resources of the country are likely to be gradually tapped under desirable restrictions, many provinces are yielding useful contributions to the Treasury in Peking, a domestic loan has been successfully floated, an unexpected source of revenue for in excess of estimates has resulted from Sir Richard Dane's reorganization of the salt gabelle, and that considerable revenue will be obtainable from similar organisations under European supervision in other directions is more than a probability. A distinct advance can therefore fairly be recorded, working towards the establishment of increased confidence in the Government, improved trading conditions and 'accidentally' towards the steady improvement of China's credit.

JAPAN'S CLAIMS ON CHINA.

Certain claims now being made on China by Japan, it is stated, may be derogatory to the dignity of this country if conceded. I can only here say that so far as there is any truth in these rumours, the claims of such a time, when other countries interested in the welfare and development of China are absorbed in the agonies of a death struggle elsewhere, is not a happy one, and must surely lead to a policy of recrimination when opportunity avails at a later date. I have, however, little doubt that the rumours are fears more than certainties, and that the questions at issue are being settled under joint diplomatic arrangements in Peking. In any event, until it is known what Japan's intentions are, I am sure it would be better, safer, and wiser if our native friends would refrain from attempts at boycott, indignation meetings and indiscriminate circulation of pamphlets, because they should realise that by using propaganda of this nature they only handicap their own officials in Peking, who are in the best position to carry out negotiations for the benefit of their country.

THE WAR.

Being an international body it would not be politic for me to make reference to the one question which overshadows all others at the moment—the war in Europe—further than to say that in the general interests of peace, the settlement reached it will be one which will guarantee peace amongst the great European Powers for many years to come. It will be generally known that on account of the war and its consequent limitations of our functions as also of those of the bodies through whom we appeal for aid in Peking, your Committee has met but seldom since hostilities commenced, but we will elect a Committee to-day as usual to carry on the work of the Chamber and to function as occasion permits.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

This report and accounts having been duly passed, the following members were elected on the committee, on the proposition of Mr. E. F. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Mordhurst: Mr. I. Bridou (Messageries Maritimes Co.), Mr. H. E. Campbell (Holt & Co., Ltd.), Mr. R. McE. Dalglis (Wm. Little & Co.), H. H. Girardet (Reiss & Co.), J. Johnstone (Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.), E. F. Mackay (Butterfield & Swire), J. H. McMichael (Fraser & Co.), C. Michelau (Mellers & Co.), G. G. Mackie (Gibb, Lindsay & Co.), E. C. Richards (Gibb, Lindsay & Co.), E. Siderst (Siemens & Co.), and A. Stephen (Hongkong and Shanghai Bank).

WAR BREVITIES.

The pro-German Roumanian Minister of Finance has resigned.

Germans in America are said to have devised a scheme for getting supplies through to Germany by means of the parcels post service.

De Tiji says that the severe treatment meted out to the Bishop of Tournay by the Germans has resulted in that dignitary's death.

The German *Volkzeitung* states that Greece will remain neutral since the Allies will not make her any definite promises of territorial concessions.

The Germans have attempted to demolish the dam near Posenbrunne in order to drain off the flood water from the Yser valley. Germany has abolished the import duties on sugar and molasses.

Germany has arranged to send Bavarian troops to strengthen the garrison of Trente. Von Bulow's mission to Italy has failed. He offered Italy Trieste and Trente, but stipulated as a condition of the transfer of territory that Italy should lend her full support to German claims when peace terms came to be discussed.

Both England and France have displayed special consideration for Dutch shipping interests in connection with their new measures of reprisal directed against German commerce. All Dutch goods, which do not belong to the list of contraband articles and are authenticated by the Netherlands Government as originating from bona fide Dutch firms are passed without any trouble.

In the *Svedator* of the 27th ult., a correspondent forwards the following beautiful epitaph transcribed from a monument in the garden at the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, where are laid to rest many prisoners of war of a hundred years ago. Its charity, dignity and humanity speak for themselves. It strikes a noble note, he suggests, between the extravagant sentiment of the present day which would treat living prisoners as martyrs and dead ones as saints, and the callous cruelty which forget to grant the honours of war to those who deserve them:

Here are gathered together
The remains of many brave soldiers and sailors
Who, having once been the foes, afterwards the captives, of England,
Now find rest in her soil.

Remembering no more the animosities of war
Or the sorrow of imprisonment.
They were deprived of the consolation of closing their eyes.

Amongst the countrymen they loved.
But they have been laid in an honourable grave
By a nation which knows how to respect valour
And to sympathize with misfortune.

THE JAPANESE DEMANDS. VIEWS OF THE "ECONOMIST."

The *Economist*, in a leading article extending over one and a half columns, strongly criticises the Under-Secretary's statement that "Britain does not object to the expansion of Japan's interests provided that they are not injurious to British interests," characterising it as "a remarkable shrinkage of the provisions of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of 1902." The *Economist* plainly demands to know whether the British Government has entered into a secret treaty with Japan behind the back of Parliament. The journal concludes by expressing its conviction that Japan's demands are the most serious attack that has been made on the independence and integrity of China. Japan, it says, can ill-afford the cost of her expedition of the discredit which it will bring down upon her head in creating fresh chaos in China by military aggression.

A CONTRADICTION.

Inquiries in the proper Chinese quarters—says the *Peking Gazette*—have elicited an emphatic denial of the following message cabled from Peking to the Japanese organ, the *Hochi*. There is absolutely not a word of truth in it. The Chinese Government recently distributed photographic copies of the contents of Japan's demands to the British, the French and the Russian Ministers in Peking. The Foreign Office explains that they were distributed by request. But it is certain the Government has done it of its own accord to win the sympathies of the Powers.

THE ANTI-JAPANESE MOVEMENT.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS.

The Japanese Consul General, Mr. Ariyoshi, has issued the following notifications to the Japanese in Shanghai:—

Recently in connection with the Sino-Japanese Negotiations a certain portion of the Chinese people, having misunderstood affairs, has incited ignorant Chinese, as the result of which we deeply regret to learn that some Japanese residents in Shanghai have been subjected to violence. Therefore, the Consul-General has frequently interviewed the authorities of the foreign settlements and frankly exchanged views about the measures to be taken under the circumstances, and now we are taking steps suitable to the conditions. Thus the Japanese residents in Shanghai should not have any unnecessary apprehensions and specially should be careful in their words and conduct and if there is any case of being threatened the matter should be reported to the police authorities without delay to ask for protection and they should not cause any disturbance by appealing to any personal violence. They should avoid going near any dangerous area of Shanghai and they should be careful about their appearance so as not to be slighted by others.

Dated Shanghai, 28th March, the 4th year of Taisho 1915.

(Signed) AKIRA ARIYOSHI, Consul-General.

Yang Cheng, the Intendant and Commissioner of Foreign Affairs of Shanghai, issued a proclamation on the 28th March warning the people against promoting any disturbances of the character indicated and threatening offenders with severe punishment.

BRITISH VOLUNTEERS FROM JAPAN.

The following is the roll, completed up to a recent date by the Military Attaché to H.B.M. Embassy, of British residents in Japan who have gone home to join His Majesty's Forces in the present crisis:—H. Bailey, O. Benbow-Rove, Richard Bent, Cyril F. Bird, W. Blundell, V. G. Bowden, P. Bruhl, Basil W. Cahane, W. Clarke, Geo. W. Coulter, P. A. Cox, H. Esdale, K. R. Forde, William Galloway, F. A. Graham, Horace G. Green, G. W. Guttridge, Alan R. Hall, G. W. Hawkins, D. H. James, G. L. James, Walter P. James, G. B. Johnson, W. M. Kendall, T. H. G. Mondoux, W. H. Kingdon, W. Kirby, F. N. Lambert, C. J. Lucas, Lawrence Machell, Graham Martley, J. W. Martley, N. McConachie, N. P. Milne, Harold Reynell, W. Leonard Scott, Alexander Shaw, W. Smith, A. H. Sturrock, John H. Thomas, Ed. B. Turner, G. Upton, E. J. S. Vaughan, S. Vincent, Ralph Walker, F. E. Wood, and Arthur C. Young.

THE GERMAN IDEA OF TRADE WAR.

The managing director of Meccano (Limited), a British company, the headquarters of which are in Liverpool, sends to the *Times* a copy of a circular just issued in the name of its Berlin branch, which deserves the attention of the War Trading Committee. This circular, signed by a German as "State administrator," and addressed to the company's Continental customers, bluntly informs them that, by decision of the Minister of Commerce, the Berlin business has been "deprived of its character of foreign firm, and must be considered hereafter as being purely a German enterprise." It seems that the English manager has been interned at Spandau since October. The managing director of Meccano (Limited) comments on this proceeding as follows:—"Our German business has been built up by us at great expense, and it would appear that the whole of our assets, goodwill, trade name, etc., have been appropriated. To the best of our knowledge no such step has been taken in regard to German or Austrian houses established in this country." The time, indeed, seems to have arrived for "reprisals" in this sphere also, remarks the *Times*.

The German newspaper *Hamburger Nachrichten* recently stated:—"Our high military commanders have repeatedly declared the English long service soldier is an adversary to be taken very seriously and the result of naval engagements has proved that the English navy fully realises the extent of its duties and responsibilities, therefore, the conflict with England will demand fresh exertions and sacrifices. There could be no greater error than to underestimate the importance of the war with England, which only enters now upon the first serious stage."

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LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

LAST GAME OF THE SEASON.

GARRISON TOO GOOD FOR CLUB.

A Garrison team arranged by Major Robertson opposed the Club on the Club ground yesterday and won just on time by a most substantial margin. The Garrison's first three wickets went down somewhat cheaply. Then Major Robertson and A. A. Claxton—whose qualification for appearing in the Garrison XI. was stated to be that he was a frequent wearer of khaki—were partners, and runs came freely. Claxton, especially, who made a re-appearance after four months absence, treated the bowling to some Herculean hitting. He passed the century in quite a short time, and was not dismissed until he had scored 120. This total included seven 6's and thirteen 4's. Major Bowen also made a most promising attempt to secure a century, his 91 being obtained as the result of sound batting, which, like Claxton's, gave no "lives." When 335 had been compiled for nine wickets the Garrison declared. With the exception of R. Hancock, the Club batsmen were unable to take any liberties with the Garrison bowling. Major Bowen being especially dangerous. When the last man went to the wickets five minutes play remained. Both were extremely cautious, R. E. O. Bird making a very plucky effort to save the game. Extreme caution, however, led him to put his knee across when reaching for an off ball, and the end came just on time with the Garrison easy winners. The scores were as follows:—

GARRISON.			
Capt. H. Smith, b Bird	5		
J. P. Robinson, c Kennedy, b Bird	17		
Major Stanfield, b Anderson	7		
Lt. Moberley, b Bird	0		
Major Robertson, c Hancock, b Bird	46		
A. A. Claxton, c Gace, b Maas	120		
Major Bowen, c Kennedy, b Maas	91		
Cpl. McGregor, c Gace, b Maas	2		
R. L. D. Wodehouse, c Pearce, b Maas	18		
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	8		
Lt. Roupell, not out	0		
Extras	21		
Total (for 9 wickets)	335		

Bowling Analysis.			
R. E. O. Bird	5	101	4
Lt. N. Anderson	2	64	1
E. B. Reed	11	62	0
H. H. Taylor	10	51	0
M. M. Maas	6.5	36	4
Bowled one "no ball."			

CLUB.			
T. E. Pearce, c Wodehouse, b Bowen	26		
H. E. Muriel, b Moberley	19		
R. Kennedy, c Wodehouse, b Bowen	16		
R. Hancock, b Wodehouse	63		
R. N. Anderson, c Stanfield, b Moberley	13		
M. M. Maas, c Stanfield, b Bowen	6		
H. H. Taylor, c Smith, b Bowen	11		
E. B. Reed, b McGregor	11		
R. P. Thurfield, b Moberley	1		
R. E. O. Bird, b W. W. W. W.	10		
A. L. Gace, not out	0		
Extras	15		
Total	196		

Bowling Analysis.			
Lt. Moberley	22	44	3
Wodehouse	15	59	1
Major Bowen	17.4	59	5
Cpl. McGregor	7	21	1

CIVIL SERVICE II. KOWLOON II.

Played on the former ground yesterday, with the following result:—

CIVIL SERVICE.			
R. C. Wicheil, b Wesser	60		
French, b Pilo	17		
Lawrence, b Southerton	17		
R. C. Barlow, b Pilo	4		
W. Bearne, not out	4		
J. Rapley, b Blackburn	10		
C. J. Tachet, c Overy, b Pilo	4		
W. B. Bradbury, c Davidson, b Overy	13		
C. Sara, b W. W. W. W.	5		
W. Hill, c Clements, b Wesser	9		
F. Bacon, run out	9		
Extras	17		
Total	163		

Bowling Analysis.			
Southerton	13	28	1
Overy	8	30	1
McLennan	6	26	0
Blackburn	7	28	1
Pilo	6	36	3
Wesser	6.5	38	3

KOWLOON.			
W. Elson, b Rapley	5		
L. M. Whyte, b Wicheil	11		
J. McLennan, c Hill, b Wicheil	10		
K. H. Mead, b Rapley	0		
L. Blackburn, b W. W. W. W.	2		
R. G. Southerton, b Rapley	1		
W. H. Wesser, not out	3		
A. Pilo, run out	5		
H. Clements, b Rapley	0		
H. Overy, b W. W. W. W.	0		
A. Davidson, c Hill, b Wicheil	1		
Extras	7		
Total	45		

Bowling Analysis.			
Wicheil	81	22	3
Rapley	8	18	6

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION.

Mrs. Butlin and Mr. S. H. Dodwell were fairly easy winners in the Mixed Foursomes Competition at Happy Valley yesterday. For the second prize Mrs. Ram and Mr. E. V. D. Parr, and Commander and Mrs. Bouchier tied with 42, and on the play-off the latter pair won. Scores:—

MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION.			
Mrs. Butlin and Mr. S. H. Dodwell	48	9	39
Commander and Mrs. Bouchier	49	2	42
Mrs. Ram and Mr. E. V. D. Parr	53	1	42
Miss Hastings and Mr. Hall	54	10	44
Miss Craddock and Mr. Prynce	54	10	44
Mrs. Craddock and Mr. W. J. Morrison	54	10	44
Mr. and Mrs. Atholl Anderson	59	14	45
Mrs. Pearce and Mr. G. H. Bowler	55	9	46
Mrs. Kelly and Major Stewart	50	13	47
Miss Caldwell and Mr. A. C. Davidson	57	10	47
Capt. Campbell and Miss Kelly	59	1	48
Miss Redger and Mr. D. G. Bruce	58	8	49
Mrs. Potter and Mr. Bullock	57	8	49
Lt. Commander and Mrs. Gibson	58	8	50
Mrs. Ritchie and Mr. Davey	56	12	54

APPROACHING AND PUTTING COMPETITIONS. Mrs. Stair Stewart won the Ladies' Putting and Approaching Competition, with a score of 10. A number of competitors took part, including Mrs. Butlin, who played in consistently good form in all the competitions. Miss Caldwell had an excellent chance of winning the first prize, but she unfortunately missed three puts of less than a yard, which lost her three points, her score being 12.

The Gents' Competition was won by Mr. E. V. D. Parr, with 7. Mr. Parr tied with Mr. T. W. Hill and Mr. G. M. Tichborne with 6, and Mr. Parr won in the play-off. There were two balls for gentlemen and three for ladies.

LONG DRIVING COMPETITION.

Against a moderate breeze, Mr. Jasper Clarke won the Gents' competition with a drive of 229 yards.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor gained first prize in the Ladies' Competition with a drive of 165 yards. This drive was easily the longest of her three, the remaining two being only moderate. Mrs. K. S. Morrison drove her three splendidly right down the fairway, but her longest was about 10 yards short of Mrs. Taylor's furthest drive.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

EXHIBITION MATCHES ON HONGKONG F.C. GROUND.

There was no end-of-season staleness visible in either of the two exhibition association games on the Hongkong F.C.'s ground at Happy Valley yesterday. In the first match, between Chinese and Indian players, there was at times some remarkably effective and pretty football. On this occasion the Chinese turned the tables on their opponents—who beat them by a rather large margin in the previous encounter—and won comfortably by two goals to nil. The exchanges were always fast and keen, the Chinese players in particular combining beautifully.

The second exhibition match was between the R.G.A. (winners of the Hongkong League) and an eleven selected from the Rest of the Colony. The Artillerymen put up a sparkling display against a formidable opposition, and fully deserved to draw, the result of the game being a goal to each side. The soldiers were evidently more enthusiastic and keen than the Rest, and exhibited creditable cohesion. Davies opened the scoring for the Rest, turning a quick pass from his partner into the far corner very smartly, and it was not until the second half that the Artillerymen equalised, the outside left taking advantage of a clear opening and placing the leather far from Swann's reach. One of the greatest features of the game was the goalkeeping of Swann. The Police custodian has given many excellent displays in Hongkong, but they were all surpassed by his cool and clever keeping yesterday. The guns shot far more accurately than their opponents, and were infinitely more dangerous in front of goal. The right wing of the Rest worked well together. Stalker repeatedly took the ball down the line and swung his centres across with much precision, but they were not taken advantage of. Davies' display was especially bright, and Townsend and Peacock were fully extended in restraining him.

After the match the R.G.A. were presented with the Hongkong League Cup and medals by Major T. Robertson, a Councillor of the Football Association, who congratulated them on acquiring the trophy and said that they fully deserved it on their record in the League.

YACHT RACING.

IN AID OF BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

Under the joint auspices of the Royal Hongkong and the Corinthian Yacht Clubs, a regatta was held from the R.H.Y.C. club-house yesterday, the entrance fees for the various events being given to the Belgian Relief Fund. The programme consisted of three events, two for sailing and one for motor-boats. In the morning the conditions were not good for sailing, there being practically no wind. Quite a fresh breeze sprang up during the afternoon, as a result of which the ladies' race proved much more entertaining than the cruiser race which was sailed off so slowly in the morning.

The cruiser race resulted as follows:—1, Lady Godiva (sailed by Mr. Summers); 2, Svaldne sailed by Mr. G. E. Wood.

Ladies' race, handicap, one design, Howard Hays and Gail classes:—1, Lysbeth (sailed by Mrs. Sturman); 2, Ailsa (sailed by Mrs. Arthur); 3, Theola (sailed by Mrs. McCubbin).

Motor boat race:—1, Ivy; 2, Volunteer. Among those present on the lawn during the afternoon were H.E. the Governor, Lady May, and the Misses May; Mr. F. Smyth (Commander of the Club) and Mrs. Smyth, M. Liebert (French Consul), the Misses Liebert, etc. At the conclusion of this racing Mr. Shields (a member of the Club committee) called upon Mrs. Smyth to present the prizes.

In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Smyth, H. E. the Governor said the results were excellent, and more especially did this apply to the ladies, who acquitted themselves in a very excellent manner. He congratulated the steerswoman of *La Linda*, who caught *Dione* in a very clever manner on the post, though he did not like it all the same. (Laughter.) Yachting, he thought, was peculiarly adapted to ladies. They had nice delicate hands, and were able to steer with the good and delicate judgment which had been revealed that day. His Excellency then called for three cheers and a "tiger" for Mrs. Smyth, all of which were heartily given.

LUSITANO RECREATION CLUB. ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

The annual sports meeting of the members of the Lusitano Recreation Club was held at Happy Valley yesterday, and was no less successful than its predecessors. The racing was well up to standard, and there were some good times. Arrangements for the events had been thoroughly made by Mr. J. O. Remedios (Hon. Secretary) and a strong Committee, and there was no untoward incident.

The officials were as follows:—President, Mr. A. G. da Rocha; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. H. Hyndman; Judges: Messrs. Leo d'Almada e Castro, J. C. Barretto, J. P. Braga, D. P. J. Lopes, J. D. Osmond, Dr. F. M. Graca Ozorio, Messrs. R. A. Carvalho, and A. B. Silva-Netto; Referee, Mr. E. J. Noronha; Handicappers: Messrs. J. O. Remedios, F. M. da Cruz, A. G. da Rocha, J. M. Britto, and A. C. V. Ribeiro; Starter, Messrs. A. E. S. Alves and J. M. V. Remedios; Timekeepers, Messrs. G. M. S. Alves and J. O. Remedios; Clerk of the Course, Messrs. J. M. Britto and A. F. Baptista.

At the conclusion of the racing, the prizes were presented by Madame de Obaldia (wife of the Portuguese Consul). The President of the Lusitano R.C. (Mr. A. G. da Rocha) thanked Madame de Obaldia for her good offices, and presented her with a handsome bouquet on behalf of the Club.

Details:—120 yards Flat—1, J. F. Silva, scratch; 2, J. M. Reis, two yards.

220 yards Flat, for boys—1, J. Ribeiro; 2, E. Medina.

One mile bicycle—1, C. F. Vas, scratch; 2, A. D. Sequeira, 40 yards.

120 yards Flat, for boys—1, Carlos Osmond; 2, Jose Silva.

LOCAL SHIPBUILDING.

NEW STEAMER LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON DOCK.

We reported last month the launching of the *Katang*, a steamer constructed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., to the order of the Straits Steamship Co., Ltd., Singapore. Those shipbuilders launched from their yard on Saturday morning, in the presence of a few interested spectators, and without any ceremony, another vessel for the same owners, which was named the *Kampar*.

The *Kampar* is a steel screw steamer of the single deck type, having top gallant fore-castle, poop and bridge joined, midship and after boat decks. Her principal dimensions are as follows, viz.:—Length between perpendiculars 225 feet; breadth moulded, 33 feet; depth moulded, 14 feet; height of erections, 7 feet 6 inches. She is built on the single bottom system, with arched web frames, deck girders, and but four heavy tube pillars in the forward hold, and one row of pillars in the after hold. The vessel will be a good carrier as regards measurement goods. The cargo will be worked by means of four steam cranes; a 12 ton steel derrick and a horizontal steam winch is provided for heavy loads, steam being supplied to deck machinery by a Cochran patent boiler 6 feet diam. by 12 feet 6 inches, at 100 lbs. working pressure. The propelling machinery consists of one set of triple expansion surface condensing engines, cylinders 17 x 27 x 44 x stroke 30. Steam is supplied by two boilers 14 ft. 3 inches diameter by 10 feet 6 inches long, at 185 lbs. working pressure. The vessel will have ample and superior accommodation for fourteen first class and sixteen second class passengers, while a large number of deck passengers may be carried. She will be fitted throughout with electric light, and her saloon and state-room will be furnished in the highest style. The vessel has been built under special survey to the Hongkong and Straits Government Rules and Regulations.

THE REVOLUTION INDEMNITIES.

In the Chinese Government Gazette, the following statement, issued by the Ministry of Finance, is published. It contains particulars of various amounts paid for indemnities in respect of the losses sustained by foreign subjects during the late Revolution:—

Great Britain	Tls. 168,835.75
Germany	944,778.68
France	759,649.88
Russia	132,588.09
Japan	1,781,677.15
United States	784,793.93
Italy	89,635.95
Spain	3,678.36
Holland	18,115.85
Belgium	111,273.10
Danmark	10,810.23
Denmark	274,775.16
Sweden	6,219.69
Total	Tls. 5,809,241.92

SCENES IN THE REICHSTAG.

TREMENDOUS UPROAR.

An Amsterdam message says there were wild scenes in the Reichstag, the Socialists Leidebour accusing the military of trying Germans in portions of France, a policy which had aroused in Alsace and Lorraine the desire for French rule. Great uproar followed with shouts of "What about the peace party!"

Her Leidebour acknowledged the bravery of the troops, but condemned the political performances of the military. He said he was horrified to learn that the Germans would burn three Russian villages for every German village burnt. Her Liebknecht interjected: "This barbarism is causing general disturbance." Yells of "Unheard-of treachery," etc.

Her Leidebour endeavoured to continue his denunciation, but was repeatedly called to order amid tremendous uproar. Various speakers deprecated the utterance in the strongest terms.

The Vorwärts says the Socialists Liebknecht and Rueh voted against the budget in the Reichstag, while Leidebour and twenty-nine other Socialists abstained from voting.

THE KIDNAPPING CASE AT KOBE.

HOLSTEIN SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS.

Judgment was given at Kobe on the 23rd ult. in the case in which G. Holstein, a German, former managing director of Nishiki & Lyons, stevedores, etc., of Kobe, was charged with kidnapping a Japanese girl, and sentenced to three years imprisonment. Notice of appeal was given.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1915. (459)

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Hongkong, 24th March, 1915.

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C. BERNARD BROWN,
Liquidator,
Care of LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1915. [474]

IN AID OF
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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1915.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in respect of all SEASON TICKETS available for Three Months issued on and after 1st May, next, the respective Prices will be as follows:—

Gentlemen \$38.00
Ladies \$18.00
Children \$12.00

and that the Price of Servants' Passes Tickets available for 20 Rides will be \$1.20.

Season Tickets expiring in April can be extended to April 30th, on same terms *pro rata* as now in force, but no three-monthly Season Tickets and no Annual Tickets will be issued in April.

Notice is further given that on and after 1st May next, daily return Tickets and Annual Tickets will be abolished.

By Order of the Directors,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1915. [461]



NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the PROVOST MARSHAL, Head Quarters Office, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height, complexion and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel to which he is to be transferred, and the hour of departure. Applicants should apply in person for their passes to the PROVOST MARSHAL at Head Quarters Office between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.
Hongkong 26th January, 1915. [207]



NOTICE.

ALL Persons applying to the PROVOST MARSHAL for Passes are requested in future to apply between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1915. [292]

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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1915. [410]

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THE HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held at the Club House, Connaught Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 6th day of April, 1915, at 5.15 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"The Article 22 of the Articles of Association be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:—

"22. (a) The subscription for an Absent Member shall be Seven dollars per annum payable in advance on the 1st January in each year. (b) An Absent Member shall, in addition, pay at the rate of Seven dollars per month for every month or part of a month he is present in Hongkong provided he makes use of the Club for more than one week in any month.

(c) Any member shall be entitled on payment of Twenty-five dollars to be relieved from all further liability at all times thereafter for the payment of the subscription otherwise due from him as an Absent Member (save as provided by sub-clause b).

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

E. DES VŒUX,
Secretary.
Dated the 22nd March, 1915. [422]

THE HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the Club House, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), the 6th day of April, 1915, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
E. DES VŒUX,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1915. [423]

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$3.00 per Share declared at To-day's Annual General Meeting will be payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after THURSDAY, 1st April, 1915, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants at the Town Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1915. [463]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 26TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of April, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1914, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st April, to SATURDAY, 10th April, 1915, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1915. [442]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Manager, 12 Noon, on MONDAY, the 12th April, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1914, and the Report of the General Manager.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th March, to the 12th April, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHIESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1915. [427]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATES Nos. 2410/2411 for 10 and 25 Shares respectively, numbered 12739/12748 and 32523/32532 inclusive, standing in the register in the joint names of GEORGE ANDREW HASTINGS and JOHN BARNHAM CLELAND, Solicitors, Liverpool and Birmingham, having been LOST or DESTROYED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificates be produced at the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, before the 24th April, 1915, New Certificates for the said Shares will be issued and the Old Certificates will thereafter be held by the Company as Null and Void.

GEO. A. CALDWELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1915. [426]

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1915. [272]

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Hongkong, 23rd October, 1914. [38]

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1915. [473]

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A HOUSE at Observatory Villa, Kowloon.
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ABRAHAM V. APCAR & Co.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1915. [393]

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NO. 2, "ROSE TERRACE," Nathan Road, Kowloon.
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SPANISH DOMINICAN PROSECUTOR.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1915. [394]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 24, Frazer East.
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KWONG SANG HONG, Ltd.,
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Hongkong, 19th February, 1915. [305]

TO LET—AT THE PEAK.

NO. 2, STEWART TERRACE,
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H. E. POLLOCK,
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Hongkong, 20th January, 1915. [53]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1915. [45]

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Care of E. PASANBY,
No. 1, Duddell Street.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1915. [344]

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No. 168, MAGAZINE GAP, "HARFORD."
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Hongkong, 31st March, 1915. [64]

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FLATS in Nathan Road, Kowloon.
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HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE Co., Ltd.,
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Hongkong, 4th March, 1915. [230]

TO LET.

HOUSES in CLIFTON GARDENS, Connaught Road.
OFFICES, facing the Harbour between the Hongkong Club and Post Office.
No. 2, "THE BETHEAT,"
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GODOWNS, at Wanchai Road.
Apply, etc.,
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1915. [38]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

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For further particulars, apply to—
PALMER & TURNER,
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Hongkong, 30th January, 1915. [329]

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OFFICES in St. George's Building Second Floor, overlooking Harbour (unfurnished).
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1914. [39]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1915. [36]

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"BISHOP'S LODGE SOUTH," No. 11, THE PEAK. Unfurnished, 5 Rooms, 3 ROOMS, suitable for Offices, 1st Floor Queen's Road Central.
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Hongkong, 29th March, 1915. [43]

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BOYACK.—At Hankow, on March 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. L. BOYACK, a son.
BURROWS.—On March 27th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. EDGAR BURROWS, a son.
DREYSE.—On March 29th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. DREYSE, a son.
WELCH.—At Shanghai, on March 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. WELCH, a son.

MARRIAGE.

WARREN-MIDDLETON SMITH.—On the 6th inst. at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, assisted by the Chaplain, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, ARTHUR GEORGE, son of Mr. ARTHUR C. WARREN of Woolwich, to MARIE, daughter of the late Mr. JAMES MIDDLETON SMITH of Hazeldean, North Havant, and Southsea, Hants.

DEATHS.

JOSEPH.—On March 28th, at Shanghai, BENJAMIN JOSEPH (Jimmy), aged 75 years.
POIGNAND.—On March 28th, at Shanghai, CHUO, the wife of Willoughby Poignand.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10, DES VŒUX ROAD C.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 6th, 1915.

THE SPADE IN WAR.

To the civilian, as we suppose, to the professional soldier, it would appear that the present conflict has again demonstrated that the spade is no less an important instrument in war as it is in peace. In fact, one of the lessons which the present conflict would seem to teach is that, while in the race between big guns and strong forts the guns have, as they have at present, the advantage, the spade will remain the only weapon with which to oppose them. Yet the spade fell into disrepute in military science for many years, for reasons which it would be difficult to trace. The Romans, as every schoolboy knows, held it in high esteem, and there remain to-day throughout the length and breadth of England, many evidences of their skill in castellation. With the erection of castles and forts, more or less impregnable to the weak weapons of the time, castellation fell into contempt, and it was only after explosives began to be used

regularly in war that it again came to be studied. It is a curious coincidence that the revival should have taken place in that very country where the great struggle is now going on, and that it should have been used against the troops of a Power which, like Germany to-day, aimed at world-domination. To Prince MAURICE of Orange-Nassau must be assigned the honour of having again demonstrated to the world the capabilities of the spade as a weapon in warfare, and certainly it did more to bring to an end the long struggle between the Netherlands and Spain than any other weapon. Yet it was not brought into use without some amount of opposition. The soldiers of the 16th century had been trained to fight, not to dig, and they regarded it as somewhat of an insult to be asked to do what was, they considered, menial work. Prince MAURICE got over this difficulty by paying extra to the men engaged in digging the trenches, but they did not escape ridicule. The Spaniards dubbed them bores and ditchers, who had forfeited the right to be called soldiers, and it took a considerable amount of beating to convince the Spaniards that there were many ways of winning a battle. When Prince MAURICE continued to take stronghold after stronghold by his method of burrowing and mining, the Spaniards began to acknowledge there was something in it. On one occasion, at the siege of Steenwyck, which lasted forty-four days, the amount of labour performed on the trenches is said to have astonished the Spanish campaigners when they came out defeated and examined the Prince's camp. Groningen, the fortifications of which were considered as the finest specimens of military art and the most substantial known to the time, held out sixty-five days against MAURICE's science. It surrendered on the sixty-sixth after the Prince had mined one of the ravelins and blown it into the air. Against modern guns such forts would doubtless have been worthless, but it has to be remembered that MAURICE's largest cannon only fired a ball weighing forty-eight pounds, and could only discharge from eighty to a hundred of these in an hour. The battering to pieces of the forts was thus a very long and expensive process, and it was Prince MAURICE's merit that his digging operations not only protected his army from the forts, but also shortened the time of the siege by enabling him to mine under and so destroy the fortifications. In those days, it may be said, the strength of the forts and the strength of the guns were so evenly matched that it was difficult to reach a decision either way. The resort to trenching was thus a way of adding to the strength of the gun. To-day the guns have outdone the fortifications. Experiences at Antwerp, so far as the facts have been revealed, would seem to show that no fortifications can stand against them, and thus the only weapon which can be relied upon is again the spade. Paris is now surrounded, it is said, by an intricate system of trenches, and we may expect in the future that such a system will be adopted on all frontiers where attack is feared. Observers on the battle front in Northern France record that not a soldier is visible. The fighting is underground. Ammunitions have reached a point where not only are visible fortifications useless, but even armies in the field have to be hidden. Even at sea our navies tend to sink beneath the waves. The part played by the submarine cannot be overlooked. It is, no doubt, a delicate instrument of war in its present form, but of its efficacy there is plain evidence, and more and more we may expect to see the warship become a submarine monster, coming only to the surface to effect its work of destruction, if even then. Overhead in the airships, underneath the waves in the submarine, or hidden in the trenches, anywhere out of the range or the sight of the big guns, the wars of the future must be conducted.

A mail for Europe via Siberia closes to-day at noon.

The annual meeting of the members of the Hongkong Club takes place this evening.

We are asked by Major Wakeman to announce that there will be no parade of the Volunteer Reserve this (Tuesday) evening.

Mr. W. H. Avery, Assistant General Manager of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, leaves to-day by the s.s. Manchuria for Japan. Mr. Avery arrived in the Colony on the *Chigo Maru*, on the 18th ultimo, on his annual inspection of the Company's agencies, and expresses himself as well satisfied with the conditions which he has found prevailing here.

The shooting by the British section of the Special Police Reserves for the "Grimble" Cup took place on the Peak Range yesterday. The trophy was secured by Mr. T. Arnett with a total score of 55.

The Governor of British North Borneo and Miss Parr have heard that their brother, Colonel H. O. Parr, has been severely wounded while fighting with the Indian Expeditionary Force in the Persian Gulf.

Mr. Ernest Hall has resigned his position from the Accountancy Department of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and returned Home. A commission as Lieutenant has been issued to him in one of the Cheshire Regiments.

Mr. Douglas Halliday Macartney, son of Sir Halliday Macartney, formerly Councillor of the Chinese Legation in London, has been awarded £100 damages in an action against John Bull. The libel was an attempt to throw discredit on the plaintiff's efforts to get cadet corps recognized by the War Office.

Congressman William Atkinson Jones, House Chairman of this Committee on Insular Affairs and author of the much discussed Bill providing for a more liberal form of government for the Philippine Islands, is to visit the islands before the next session of Congress is convened. Congressman Jones will be accompanied by Congressman Horace M. Towner of Iowa and Congressman Finis J. Garrett of Tennessee, both members of the Committee on Insular Affairs. Congressman Towner is a Republican and Congressman Garrett is a Democrat. It is probable that they will be accompanied by other members of Congress.

WEDDING AT THE
CATHEDRAL.

WARREN—SMITH.

The wedding was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral yesterday of Professor Arthur G. Warren, of the Hongkong University, and Miss Mabel Middleton Smith, daughter of the late Mr. James Middleton Smith, of North Havant. The Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander) performed the ceremony, assisted by the Cathedral Chaplain (Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle).

The bride, who was given away by her brother (Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Dean of Engineering at the University), wore a dress of grey satin charmeuse and silver lace, with grey satin hat and grey ostrich plumes to match. She also wore a diamond and platinum necklace, and carried a gold and ivory prayerbook, gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. J. R. Wood as "best man." Included among those present in the Cathedral were Sir Charles Eliot (Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University), Hon. Mr. Claud Severn (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. W. and Mrs. Chatham, Archdeacon Judd Barnett, Rev. and Mrs. N. O. Pope, Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education), Dr. and Mrs. McKenny, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Turnbull, Mr. Ho Fook, and the following members of the University staff:—Professor and Mrs. Konelm Digby, Professor and Mrs. Hinton, Professor and Mrs. Mathewman, Messrs. E. J. Surman, W. Brown, F. A. Redmond, J. Day, and G. E. Marley.

After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Warren motored to the residence of Sir Charles Eliot, where a reception was held.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Tai Po. The bride's going-away dress was a white silk costume, with hat trimmed with pale pink roses.

ORGAN RECITAL AT
KOWLOON.

Mr. George Grimble gives an organ recital in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, at 9.15 p.m. to-morrow in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund.

The programme is as follows:—

- 1.—Grand Offertoire in D. Edouard Batiste.
- 2.—Bass Air—"It is enough" (Elijah) Mendelssohn.
- 3.—(a.) Sereade Mr. H. E. Morley.
- 4.—(b.) Humoresque C. J. Widor.
- 5.—(c.) Anthem—"Oh for a closer walk with God" Myles B. Foster.
- 6.—(d.) Nocturne Mr. W. B. Cawsey.
- 7.—(e.) Chant and "Parole" Tchaikovsky.
- 8.—Soprano Air—"The Lord is my Shepherd" (from "The Rose of Sharon") A. C. Mackenzie.
- 9.—(a.) Romance Sir Ed. Elgar.
- 10.—(b.) Salut d'Amour Ed. Lemare.
- 11.—Soprano Aria—"Meditation" Bach-Gounod.
- 12.—Violin Obligato, Professor GONZALES.
- 13.—Reverie in E flat Ed. Lemare.
- 14.—Triumphal March Lemmens.

THE WAR.

THE FRENCH SUCCESS.

THRILLING ACCOUNT OF STORMING OF HARTMANN'S-WEILERKOPF.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AND THE WAR.

MORE SUBMARINE ACTIVITY.

ANOTHER AUSTRIAN DEFEAT.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ON THE WAR.

LONDON, April 4th.

The Archbishop, preaching in Canterbury Cathedral, affirmed: "Our cause in this great war is indisputably right, and we are firmly resolved that we shall prevail."

His Grace strongly urged all engaged in connection with armaments and other supplies to do their best work. It was unthinkable, he said, that the splendid devotion of their brothers in the trenches and battlefields should be wasted.

The Archbishop advocated that British households should voluntarily suspend the use of alcohol. He impressed this upon church people and emphasised the fact that the King was confident that they would be ready with a widespread response.

STIRRING SCENES IN DUBLIN.

LONDON, April 5th.

There were stirring scenes in Dublin yesterday when Mr. John Redmond reviewed in Phoenix Park 25,000 national volunteers carrying rifles.

No speeches were made as Mr. Redmond wished the review to be regarded as a military vent.

Subsequently, the Band of the Irish Guards marched through the streets playing the national airs including "God save Ireland," evoking transports of enthusiasm. The band, which was sent to help recruiting in Ireland, arrived at Dublin at midnight on Saturday, yet crowds, including the Lord Mayor, were present to welcome it.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FURTHER FRENCH PROGRESS.

LONDON, April 5th.

The Paris evening communiqué says: "Quiet along the whole front, except at Woerw, where our progress has continued. We captured the village of Regneville, west of Fayenhaye, and occupied it on April 1st."

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, April 4th.

The latest casualties announced are:—Killed.—J. E. Marshall R. W. Roe. Died of Wounds.—H. Broadway. R. J. Francis.

Wounded, 2nd Lieut. Bayne (East Surreys), T. Kendall, H. M. Marshall.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE FIGHTING ON THE WEST NIEMEN.

A Petrograd official statement says that the fighting west of the Niemen is developing strongly in favour of the Russians. The fight between Calvaria and Suwalki ended in the Russians charging and saving the Germans and driving them from the occupied region.

Two thousand prisoners were taken in the Carpathians on the 2nd inst. in the directions of Bartfeld and Mesolaborca.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE STORMING OF HARTMANN'S-WEILERKOPF. THRILLING STORY OF FRENCH OPERATIONS.

HOW AN INVISIBLE FORTRESS WAS DEMOLISHED STONE BY STONE.

PARIS, April 4th.

The French official "Eye-witness" gives a vivid account of the storming of Hartmann's-Weilerkopf. He recalls how the French advance guard in January was compelled to surrender there, owing to hunger. Hasty counter-attacks were impossible, and consequently the French started methodical preparations to demolish, stone by stone, the invisible fortress from which the Germans had been dominating the valleys, directing their artillery fire with deadly accuracy. The fog prevailing in the Vosges further made their task most difficult. The French dug trenches, erected shelters, constructed gun-positions and launched their attack at the end of February, but the Germans burrowed the woods and only gave a hundred yards.

Still more deliberate preparations ensued, resulting in the capture of some of the enemy's blockhouses and first line trenches early in March, after intense artillery fire and brilliant charge by chasseurs. This drove the Germans to exasperation, and two German regiments made four counter-attacks during the day and two the next day. Two further sorties were moved down by our artillery.

Now it was we who had the upper hand and who felt sure of winning by hard fighting. Our gunners were learning by daring and patience the positions in these dense woods. They had honey-combed the hill with more than thirty miles of telephone wires.

In the middle of March, our artillery bombarded the enemy for four hours. The guns poured a terrific and precise fire among the trees, and there could be seen hurtling through the air fragments of the Germans' equipment and portions of the trenches.

Then the infantry dashed forward and the Germans were thrown into complete consternation. The French pressed furiously forward and carried two lines of trenches, taking many prisoners. The Chasseurs debouched from the flank with equal dash, carrying the lines before them. We repulsed two counter-attacks and organized the ground won.

There was activity in the German trenches on the following day. The appearance of bayonets and helmets heralded a big counter-attack. Our artillery, with appalling rapidity, found the enemy's trenches again, men and equipment hurtling through the air.

Then, on the day of the great assault, March 26th, the Frenchmen noted, joyfully that the fog, which for many weeks had favoured the Germans, had melted before the first rays of the sun. All was ready, and from this point onward the drama proceeded with automatic regularity. Between us and the summit were three lines of trenches and block houses, and trees still masked the defences of the enemy, but French artillery of every description pounded the Germans.

Huge pines crashed down, and the whole ground was chaos and holes. Cries of agony were heard from the German soldiers, and ammunition stores exploded. The work of destruction was continued remorselessly for over four hours, then the infantry, in a magnificent rush, stormed the summit. Chasseurs with hand grenades took the trenches on the right, other troops progressing on the left, and the artillery swept the eastern slopes, completely demoralising the Germans.

Thus we conquered the whole of Hartmann's-Weilerkopf. The dash of the Frenchmen carried them beyond the summit, where they also established themselves in a formidable position. That evening snow fell, covering with a white winding-sheet those who had fallen.

Such was the Hartmann's-Weilerkopf affair, which will be reckoned among the finest pages of mountain war. Henceforth the whole plain to the eastward was under our fire. Amid the snows we counted 700 German dead, and we captured large numbers of prisoners and much war material.

AUSTRIAN FAILURE TO INVADE Bessarabia.

LONDON, April 5th.

A Petrograd official despatch states that the defeat of the Austrians on March 30th near the villages of Schilovitz when 2,133 prisoners, field-kitchens and eight field telegraphs were taken, resulted in the enemy's retreating along the whole front, and the complete failure of his attempt to invade Bessarabia in the direction of Chotin.

LATER.

The battle which checked the Austrian invasion of Bessarabia was remarkable for the impetuosity of the Russians and the strong defensive position near the villages of Schilovitz and Malintz which was held by an Austrian division of infantry and a brigade of cavalry. Two columns of Russian cavalry, not quite equal to the Austrians numerically, dismounted and attacked the enemy at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 30th ult., one from the north, the other from the south. The enemy throughout the day offered a desperate resistance. The Russians, including Cossacks, repeatedly attacked with the bayonet. Towards evening the resistance of the Austrians was broken, and the Russians, pursuing their impetuous attacks, dislodged the enemy from the height between the villages and occupied them. Meanwhile seven miles north, the Don Cossacks drove an Austrian battalion and several squadrons of cavalry out of the village of Roukhotine and the enemy began to retreat along the whole front. The Russians are pursuing.

[Bessarabia is a province of S.W. Russia, separated by the Pruth and the Lower Danube from Rumania in the W., and by the Dniester from Podolia and Kherson in N. and E., touching the Black Sea from the S. and the mouth of the Danube to the S. of Ovidopol. Bessarabia was ceded by Rumania in 1912.]

RUSSIAN COMMAND CHANGE. LONDON, April 4th.

It is announced at Petrograd that General Alexieff succeeds General Ruskay in command of the armies on the north-west front.

NAVAL ACTIVITIES. [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DUBLIN STEAMER TORPEDOED.

LONDON, April 5th.

The Dublin steamer *City of Brenar* has been torpedoed off Lands End and sunk. Four of the crew were drowned and thirteen were saved and landed at Penzance.

DANISH STEAMERS SUNK BY MINES.

LONDON, April 5th.

A Copenhagen telegram states that the ferry between Trelleborg and Sassnitz has been suspended as a result of the mining and destruction of two steamers. The crews were saved.

GERMAN STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, April 5th.

The German steamer *Gretchenmoth*, taking ore from Sweden to Germany, was sunk in the Baltic, twenty-five of her crew being drowned. It is believed she was sunk by a mine.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE PEKING NEGOTIATIONS.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

PEKING, April 4th.

At Thursday's conference between the representatives of the Japanese and Chinese Governments China agreed to the demand that Japanese shall be allowed to reside and own land in South Manchuria, but only on the understanding that any dispute arising shall be tried by the Chinese Courts irrespective of the nationality of the parties.

Saturday's conference was without result. The Japanese asked to have the Manchurian questions reopened.

A SECOND DOMESTIC LOAN.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK TO ASSIST IN ITS FLOTATION.

PEKING, April 4th.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has arranged an agreement with the Chinese Government to undertake with the Bank of China, and the Bank of Communications to float a second domestic loan of \$24,000,000.

PRESENTATION TO REV. C. BONE.

The Rev. C. Bone, who is shortly leaving for Home, was made the recipient of a silver spirit kettle and a purse of gold at the Sailors and Soldiers Home last evening, the presentations being made by Mr. Makeham on behalf of the members of the Wanchai Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. The presentation took place at an interval in a most enjoyable concert programme which had been arranged, along with a tea, as a farewell gathering to the Rev. and Mrs. Bone.

Before making the presentation Mr. Makeham, who is the oldest member of the present congregation, recalled the time when the Rev. Bone first came to Hongkong from Canton seventeen years ago. At his first service only twenty people were present, but as the result of arduous labour he had been able to bring their chapel and chapel buildings up to the present very satisfactory level. Many, he said, looked back with joy and pleasure to the work which had been done by the Rev. Bone. Personally, Mr. Bone was a "queer stick," (laughter) he liked to have his own way, as most people did, but he was a generous neighbour and a true friend. (Applause.) Mr. Makeham then made the presentations amid much applause.

Returning thanks, the Rev. Bone also referred to the time when he first arrived in Hongkong from Canton. He had no home in those days of seventeen years ago. In those days, they might be interested to hear, the Dairy Farm had only one cow, and there was only one mother who knew and she had a child and would not come out to hear him. It was impossible, under these conditions, to get up a welcome for the new minister, and so he went out and purchased half-a-dozen handkerchiefs and went home, and wept. (Laughter.) But his farewell was one of the finest things he had had in his life. It was a great wrench for him to come to Hongkong from Canton, and he had impaired his life from one point of view. He had ambitions, he had ideals. Still, for seventeen years he had worked among them in a spirit of mutual affection and mutual help. He thanked them for all the affection they had bestowed upon him, and if he should be spared to come back again it would be one of the greatest pleasures of his life. From the bottom of his heart he thanked them for all their kindness to him in the past, and also at the immediate present.

During the evening, also, a welcome was extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Robinson, recently arrived from Suibow, who are succeeding the Rev. and Mrs. Bone.

The concert programme was contributed to by Mrs. Haskett, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Brown, and Messrs. Cawsey, Brock and Stevenson.

RELIEF SHIP ATTACKED BY AEROPLANE.

A German aeroplane over the North Sea bombarded for half an hour the British steamer *Elford* conveying wheat from Argentina for the relief of Belgians and flying the Relief Commission's enormous flag. The cleverness of the mate in steering the steamer in a circle and the approach of a torpedo boat enabled the vessel to escape. One bomb alongside smashed some fittings.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

By a tacit understanding, post-prandial orations are always regarded with indulgence. Nevertheless, Colonel Chapman's utterances at the Volunteer dinner last week-end have aroused no little indignation, and more than one letter of protest to the Press. I am informed, has been written only to be torn up because, on calmer reflection, it seemed too strong, while subsequent efforts have been discarded because they erred in the opposite direction. Admittedly, his remarks were not in the best of taste, but that, after all, is not a matter which need concern anybody but himself. We are all willing to acknowledge our indebtedness to the public-spirited men who are sacrificing comfort and leisure to their sense of duty, but a little modesty in a hero does not necessarily lessen his claim to our admiration. When Colonel Chapman issues his "black-list" of those who are doing nothing for the Colony he would perform an additional public service by including in it the names of those who are unpatriotic enough to accept the emoluments of two offices while discharging the duties of one. We may then discover that there are some in our midst not unlike that hero of romance, "Little Jack Horner," of whom it was written:—

"Little Jack Horner sat in a corner
Eating a Christmas pie,
He pushed in his thumb and pulled out
A plum
And said 'What a good boy am I.'"

When I hear all this feather-brained talk of presenting white feathers to all who are not in the Volunteers, I am tempted to ask those who advocate this outrage whether they have ever read Mason's well-known book, "The Four White Feathers," from which, presumably, the idea is borrowed. I suspect not, and for their benefit I will give a brief outline of it. The hero of the story is a poor fellow who has been thrust into the Army by his father to maintain the family tradition, and lives in perpetual dread of flogging if ever he should go into action. As a consequence of this, he sends in his papers when he becomes engaged, but, before doing so, receives a telegram announcing that his regiment has been ordered on active service. This fact he suppresses, and three of his brother officers, when they learn of it, send him each a letter containing a white feather. One of these reaches him while he is at a dance with his fiancée, and when she sees it and learns the reason for its being sent she plucks a fourth feather from her fan and adds it to the others. Broken-hearted, the young fellow leaves England and is not heard of again for some years. Meanwhile he has been in Egypt mixing with the people in order to learn their language and customs as a preparation for the task that he has set himself. Eventually, disguised as a native, he contrives, by various daring exploits involving much suffering, to rescue, one by one, his erstwhile friends who are held captive by the enemy. As he gives each his liberty—in one case at the cost of his own—he returns the feather, and asks that it shall be carried to his fiancée. Finally, his task accomplished, he goes back to England and gives her the fourth feather in person. It is not a story to make one eager to emulate the example of those who owed their liberty, if not their lives, to the man upon whom they had turned their backs so promptly.

I hope that I shall not be deemed to be imparting any valuable information to the German Admiral in Far Eastern waters if I give publicity to a very excellent suggestion that is assured in advance of a cordial welcome. It is that when the Territorials arrive something should be done to make their stay in our midst as pleasant as possible by organising, for example, a series of weekly entertainments for them. These men, it must not be forgotten, are not "carrying on business as usual," but have given up their regular avocations and the salaries attaching to them in order to serve their King and Country—in return for a shilling a day. In Hongkong that shilling will not go much further than from the top of the Peak to the bottom and back again.

I observed the other day that the Provost-Marshal is now established in a new office, and that his old quarters are made to serve as a special office for the issue of permits to persons desiring to leave the Colony. Whether this is a quite recent change or not I do not know, but it struck me that when the change was contemplated public convenience might have been consulted. I understand that in other British Colonies these "Pass Offices" are more centrally

situated. To compel every person who wants a permit to leave the Colony—not residents only, but every passenger passing through the port—to go down to the Headquarters Offices half a mile or more away from the principal landing piers and approached from the main road by a hill with a gradient of about 1 in 3, is very reasonably a matter of general complaint. As many as a hundred persons must on some days be making this pilgrimage. The Post Office Building would be a much more convenient location for the office issuing these permits.

So many people complain of the privet nuisance that one is obliged to give credence to their claims that the blossom really belongs to the category of local nuisances. The insignificant-looking blossom is declared to be responsible in many cases for very distressing throat affections, and it is more than useless to point out the ornamental value of the shrub to its annual victims. In Shanghai, where they study beauty less and comfort more, a complaint addressed to the Municipal Council secures the removal of the nuisance from your neighbourhood, I understand.

Peak residents naturally feel that they have a grievance against the Peak Tram Company for increasing the fares. I have even heard talk of a petition to the Government on the subject. Though no reasons are given in the advertisement for the increase of fares, it is obvious to regular patrons of the Peak tram cars what causes have led the Company to the decision. Since the war began there must have been a serious falling off in the Company's revenue, due to the withdrawal of the troops from Mount Austin barracks, the expulsion of the Germans from the Colony and the paucity of tourists. At the same time, it must not be forgotten that many other businesses in the Colony are suffering from these and other causes incidental to the war, and there is certainly point in the contention that if every firm so affected, is at liberty to insist on the patrons who remain paying enhanced charges for their necessities. Hongkong will cease to have attractions for anybody but millionaires or wealthy *taipans*. I have heard it suggested, *sotto voce*, that the shareholders should be prepared to contemplate, for once, a reduction in the annual dividend, or, if need be, to bear with courage and patriotism the entire loss of the dividend while the war endures. But, I suspect, the shareholder would stamp this as a rank and con-damn-able heresy.

It is never pleasant to take up an unpopular attitude, and, as a consequence, the majority of people prefer to follow the line of least resistance. When, therefore, we find one who means well and has the courage of his convictions, it is difficult to withhold from him a feeling of admiration, even though we do not share his views. These reflections are prompted by the Bishop's sermon on Sunday morning, and the comments that I have heard passed upon it. Nobody can question his lordship's propriety in pointing out at the present moment the evil wrought by intemperance, and the efforts which the King and those in authority under him are making by force of example to stem it. But there are many who take exception to any public analysis of the accounts, or criticism of the conduct of members of an institution, which, after all, is private. Apart from this, however, it is doubtful whether any good purpose is served by a general chastisement of the members, though it is certain to create some feeling of resentment. Even if we take the figures quoted by the Bishop, they work out at only fifty cents a day per member—surely no extravagant sum in a thirty climate! But when one remembers that, in addition to the 500 resident members mentioned by the Bishop, there were 47 "subscribers" when the year closed and probably nearly double that number before the war broke out, and a constant stream of visitors throughout the year to share in the ninety thousand dollars' worth of "wire" and other things, including non-intoxicants which must represent a considerable proportion of that figure—one is surprised at the modesty of the account.

Something seems to indicate that a healthy rivalry will develop between the Special Reserves and the Special Police, especially when the latter are fitted out with their uniforms, etc. It can be stated now that when the voluntary Roberts do emerge in all the glory of white uniforms, with sprinklings of gold and blue, and a white helmet entwined with a puggery of rainbow tints, they will be a proud body of men possessing strong opinions as to the relative merits of white and khaki uniforms, and of carbines against service rifles. The Special Police of all sections are progressing, I am told, in a remarkable manner. They are all very keen, and, though forced, through temporary circumstances, to drill in civilian attire of a variety of colour and design, make a very good show when being put through their paces at the police compound.

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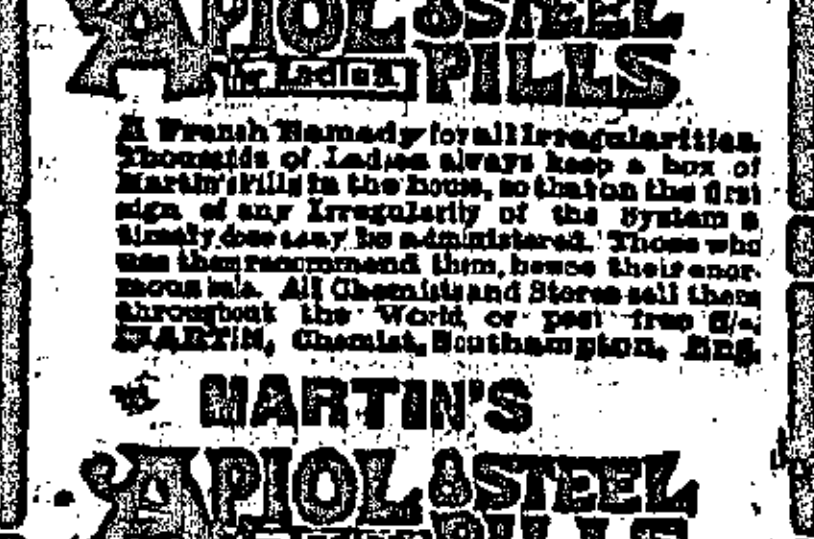
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ARRIVALS.

BANCA, British str., 3,704, A. M. King, 5th April—Yokohama 20th March, General—P. & O. Co.
 HAITAN, British str., 1,270, J. W. Evans, 5th April—Swatow 4th April, General—Order.
 KEIJO MARU, Japanese str., 1,164, D. Imadsumi, 4th April—Haiphong 2nd April, General—Order.
 KUM CHOW, British str., 1,450, J. H. Martin, 4th April—Saigon 31st March, General—Order.
 MEXICO CITY, British str., 3,180, N. A. Starkey, 5th April—Saigon 1st April, Rice and Flour—Order.
 ON SANG, British str., 1,787, G. T. Tough, 4th April—Calcutta 20th February, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 PIRA NANO, British str., 1,622, Flashman, 5th April—Bangkok 20th April, Rice—Order.
 TONGUS, Norwegian str., 1,000, C. Cornelissen, 4th April—Swatow 4th April, Rice—Chimise.
 SUNOKIANG, British str., 1,300, Robertson, 4th April—Haiphong 2nd April, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 WAI SHING, British str., 1,170, Picknell, 5th April—Bangkok 30th March, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 WENOWAY, British str., 650, Purvis, 4th April—Hoboken and Pakhoi 3rd April, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 YINCHOW, British str., 1,200, F. L. Jones, 5th April—Shanghai 1st April, General—Butterfield & Swire.
 YOKOHAMA, Maru, Japanese str., 4,010, S. Komatsubara, 4th April—Yokohama 22nd March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

DEPARTURES.

6th April.
 KANCHOW, British str., for Shanghai.
 KIRIN MARU, Japanese str., for Bombay.
 MIYAZAKI, Maru, Japanese str., for Yokohama.
 TELMACHUS, British str., for Singapore.
 THILATAP, Dutch str., for Sourabaya.
 THIKINI, Dutch str., for Sourabaya.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *On Sang* reports: Fine weather throughout.
 The British str. *Haitan* reports: Mod. S.S.W. wind, overcast and foggy.
 The Japanese str. *Keijo Maru* reports: Fine weather and favourable wind throughout.
 The British str. *Yingchow* reports: Brisk southerly winds, dense fog from Turnabout to Lamcocks, since similar winds, cloudy, squally, misty weather, smooth sea and southerly swell.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
 Per *Yingchow*, for Hongkong, from Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. Chang, Mr. Thornton, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Bidwell.
 Per str. *Keijo Maru*, for Hongkong, from Haiphong, Mrs. Robert Sugamne, Mr. P. Joseph, Mr. Birst Leopold, Mr. De Rodem de Colombia, and Mr. W. H. Weyon.
 Per *Haitan*, for Hongkong, from Swatow, Mr. Silkestone, Mr. and Mrs. Root and child, Mr. S. Fashida, Mr. K. Fashida, Mr. Suzuki, Mr. Suen, Mr. Nagel, Mr. Wright, Mr. Young, Mr. Holyoak, Mr. Stringer, Mr. Titcher, Dr. Koch, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Rosser, Mr. Dutton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Coppin, Rev. Martin, and Mr. Hooper.
 DEPARTED.
 Per *Yagashiki Maru*, from Hongkong, for Japan, Col. Dabson, Mr. W. Law, Miss Clondrie, Mrs. J. A. Samples and child, Mr. Samples, Miss Berrell, Mrs. Fulford and child, Miss W. Hillier, Miss Loddard, Miss Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Pegge and child, Mr. M. Sekigawa, Mr. Fulford, Dr. and Mrs. R. Wolfendale, Count K. Ohtani, Mr. U. Gual, Miss D. Groundsell, Master Pegge, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Langley and child, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Greig, Mr. V. S. Ferguson, Mr. K. Kato, Mr. M. Matsumura, Mrs. Byworth, Mr. T. Bawaring, Mr. G. N. Jenkins, Mr. C. Wright, Mr. N. C. Ercan, Mr. H. G. Brothier, Mr. Galley, Mr. and Mrs. Piret and child, Mr. Z. Sakagami, Mr. S. Hirata, Mr. T. Usada, Mr. Edouard Faure, Mr. Ogata and Mr. Kawashita.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The P. & O. str. *Malta* left Singapore for this port on the 4th inst., evening, with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 9th inst., at about 5 p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

AMERICAN MAIL.
 The C.P.R. str. *Monteagle* left Vancouver, B.C., on the 28th March, a.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
 The E. & A. str. *Eastern* left Sydney for this port on the 29th March, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 18th April.
 The A.O. str. *Taiyuan* left Sydney for Hongkong via Australia and Philippine ports on the 23rd March, and may be expected to arrive on or about 19th April.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Barber Line str. *Bolton Castle* for Hongkong via Panama Canal left New York on the 29th January and is therefore due.

INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
Fookang, from Calcutta, is due in Hongkong 8th April.

SHIRE LINE, LIMITED.
Carnarvonshire, from Japan, is due in Hongkong 15th April.
Monmouthshire, from London, is due in Hongkong 1st May.
Mertonehire, from London, is due in Hongkong 20th May.

ON SALE.

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 REVISED BY THE MEMBERS.

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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into four Stations commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "1," nearest Hongkong "2," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "3," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "4," together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	ROUTE	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	ORIENTAL	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 10th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & SINGAPORE VIA PHANG, COLOMBO, & MANILA	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	D. Asbury	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 11th inst., at 10 a.m.
MARSHALLS, LONDON & SINGAPORE, &c.	ATSUBA MARU	Jan. str.	1 m.	T. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th inst., at Noon.
MARSHALLS VIA PORTS	ERNEST SIMONS	Freem. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 17th inst., at 1 p.m.
VICTORIA, LONDON & LIVERPOOL	KALONO	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	THE HANK LINE, LIMITED	On 10th inst., at 1 p.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TAMBA MARU	Jan. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
NEW YORK VIA PANAMA CANAL	BOITON CASTLE	Jan. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	OSAKA SHOSHU KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at 3 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	MANCHURIA	Am. str.	1 m.	A. Dixon	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	About End of April.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA & JAPAN, &c.	TESTO MARU	Jan. str.	1 m.	E. Bent	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-day, at 1 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA & JAPAN, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jan. str.	1 m.	A. G. Stevens	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	PERSIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. Hill	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at 10 a.m.
MEXICAN, PANAMA & CHINA PORTS VIA JAPAN	SEITO MARU	Jan. str.	1 m.	A. J. Hall	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	OHANOSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. C. Gaubhill	CANADIAN PACIFIC CO.	On 1st May.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	NIPPO MARU	Jan. str.	1 m.	Yagi	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon.
DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, &c.	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at 4 p.m.
JAPAN	GURAT	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 23rd inst., at 11 a.m.
MOJI & KOBE	TULATAP	Dut. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	THE HANK LINE, LIMITED	Quick despatch.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	JINSHI MARU	Jan. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
MIKE, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	FOOKANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 23rd inst., at D'light.
TIENSIN VIA WEIHAIWEI	HITACHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	CHUPHONG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 12th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	LUCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-day, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	ONBANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	KITANO MARU	Jan. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	TAKANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 8th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	KINGHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 10th inst.
SHANGHAI	MAITA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 11th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	CHENNA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	COLOMBO MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	COBIDLEERS	Freem. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 3rd May.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 16th inst., at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	OSAKA SHOSHU KAISHA	To-day, at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	DOUGLAS LAFRANK & Co.	On 8th inst., at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	DOUGLAS LAFRANK & Co.	On 13th inst., at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 10th inst., at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	DAVID SARGSON & Co., Ltd.	On 20th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	THE HANK LINE, LTD.	On 15th June.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 8th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	OSAKA SHOSHU KAISHA	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAGASHI MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	Nagasaki	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.

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Captain A. L. Valentini, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for BOMBAY on SATURDAY, the 10th April, 1915, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports, in connection with the Co.'s s.s. "MALWA" from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Stk and Valuables and Tea and Cargo for India, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London. Other Cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed via Bombay and transhipped to the s.s. "INDIA," due in London on the 20th May, 1915.

Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1915. [1]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR NEW YORK VIA PANAMA CANAL.

S.S. "BOLTON CASTLE" about End of April.

For Freight and further information, apply to—

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1915. [336]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"NELORE."

Arrived Hongkong on 1st April, 1915, from ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUZ, BOMBAY & STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GOSNOLD and DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on MONDAY and TUESDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1915. [1]

"MOGUL LINE" OF STEAMERS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "ERROLL"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th inst., or they will not be recognized.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
EUROPE ...	Malta ...	9th inst.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji, Victoria, P.O., Seattle and United Kingdom via Canada ...	Tamara Maru ...	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok ...	Chidder ...	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Fort Baved and Haiphong ...	Hongkong ...	Tuesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Strait, Ceylon, Port Said, Matanzas & London ...	Banca ...	Tuesday, 6th, Noon
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN, via NAGA-SAKI, HONOLULU, UNITED STATES, SOUTH AMERICA, and CANADA via SAN FRANCISCO, and UNITED KINGDOM via CANADA ...	Manchuria ...	Tuesday, 6th, 11.00 A.M.
(EUROPE via SIBERIA)	Letters ...	Non
[Tientsin-Pukow Railway, Shanghai Brit. P.O. Friday, 9th inst.]
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haitan ...	Tuesday, 6th, Noon
Shanghai and North China ...	Luchow ...	Tuesday, 6th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China ...	Onang ...	Tuesday, 6th, 4.00 P.M.
Holow and Pakhoi ...	Wenchow ...	Wednesday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
Holow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ...	Sungliang ...	Wednesday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands ...	Tamang ...	Wednesday, 7th, 3.00 P.M.
Sandakan ...	Himang ...	Thursday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow ...	Haimun ...	Thursday, 8th, Noon
Philippine Is., Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin and New Guinea via Thursday Island ...	Changsha ...	Registration ... 5.00 P.M.
Guinea via Thursday Island ...	Letters ...	10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI AND NORTH CHINA (EUROPE via SIBERIA)	Chonan ...	Saturday, 13th, 4.00 P.M.
[Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Brit. P.O. Thursday, 15th inst.]

BANKS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital ... \$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling ... \$1,500,000 at 2/6—\$15,000,000
Silver ... \$1,500,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$10,000,000

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N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 11th November, 1914.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ... £1,500,000
Subscribed ... £1,125,000
Paid-up ... £662,500
Reserve Fund ... £500,000

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Every description of Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.
A. R. LINTON,
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Hongkong, 10th July, 1915.

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Reserve Fund ... Fl. 7,765,500 (£647,125)

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G. A. DUNLOP, Manager,
No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central
Hongkong, 17th November, 1914.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital ... £1,200,000
Reserve Fund ... £1,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
W. M. DICKSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1914.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

April 1st.

ON LONDON:—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 60 days' sight ... 1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 90 days' sight ... 1/9 1/2
Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight ... 1/10 1/2

ON PARIS:—
Bank Bills, on demand ... 22 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 23 1/2

ON GERMANY:—
ON DEMAND ... 20 1/2

ON NEW YORK:—
Bank Bills, on demand ... 4 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight ... 4 1/2

ON BOMBAY:—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 13 1/2
Bank, on demand ... 13 1/2

ON CALCUTTA:—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 13 1/2
Bank, on demand ... 13 1/2

ON SHANGHAI:—
Bank, at sight ... 7 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight ... 7 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand ... 8 1/2

ON MANILA:—On demand ... 8 1/2

ON SINGAPORE:—On demand ... 7 1/2

ON BATAVIA:—On demand ... 11 1/2

ON HAIPHONG:—On demand ... 7 1/2 p.m.

ON SAIGON:—On demand ... 7 1/2 p.m.

ON BANGKOK:—On demand ... 8 1/2

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate ... \$10.85 p.

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola ... \$55.80

SILVER, per oz. ... 23 1/2

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 1st April, 1915.

STOCKS	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE	PAID UP	CLOSING QUOTATIONS	RETURN ON BASIS OF LAST DIV.
BANKS—					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$190, sellers	6 p.c.
China Bank Corporation, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$11, buyers	11 p.c.
China Light and Power Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	\$32, buyers	7 1/2 p.c.
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$73, buyers	8 1/2 p.c.
Corpus Mills—					
Two Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	30,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 134, buyers	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$5	
(In Liquidation)					
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7	36	\$34, buyers	4 1/2 p.c.
DOCKS AND WHARVES—					
H'kong & Wharves Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$54, buyers	5 p.c.
H'kong & Wharves Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$55, x. div.	5 1/2 p.c.
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	all	Tls. 52, buyers	
Sh'hai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 86, buyers	
Sh'hai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	all	\$7, sales	
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$40, sales	4 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$118	4 p.c.
Hongkong Hotel Company Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$190	5 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	\$25	all	\$26, x. div. buy.	8 p.c.
Hongkong Rops Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$26, x. div. buy.	
H'kong & South China Fishery Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$6	all	\$2	
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Hongkong Tannery Co., Ltd.	325,000	5/	all	\$5.10	7 p.c.
INSURANCES—					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$50	6 p.c.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$20, sellers	7 p.c.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$50, buyers	7 p.c.
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$25	Tls. 175, sales	
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$95, sales	6 p.c.
Yangtze Insurance Association Ltd.	13,000	\$100	\$60	\$235	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—					
H'kong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$110	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.	10,000	\$100	all	\$95, buyers	
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$100	\$75	\$200	6 p.c.
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$64, buyers	7 1/2 p.c.
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$40, buyers	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 105, buyers	6 p.c.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$68	
Matsushigeji tot Mijia, Boshan	250,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 354, buyers	
Landhouse exploitation in Lugkat					
MINING—					
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	\$5 1/2, buyers	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$4 1/2, sellers	
Trenoh Mines, Limited	160,000	\$1	all	\$10 1/2, sellers	8 p.c.
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$1	
Pulpes et Papiers de la Tonkin Societe des	13,200	\$50	all	\$50	
REFINERIES—					
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$107 1/2, sales	
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$23, sellers	
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—					
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$54, sellers	10 p.c.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$23, sales	4 p.c.
H'kong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$22 1/2, sellers	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	25	all	\$12, buyers	
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	4,047,500	\$1	all	\$16	8 1/2 p.c.
Star Ferry Company, Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$26, sellers	
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$28	
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$54, sellers	8 1/2 p.c.
STOCKS AND INVESTMENTS—					
Forrest Wm., Limited	21,000	\$7	all	\$64, sellers	7 1/2 p.c.
Watson & Co., A. S., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$7	10 p.c.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$17 1/2, sales	6 p.c.

Loans	Amount	Value	Interest	Quotation
Chinese Imperial 1888	Tls. 787,200.	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

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HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
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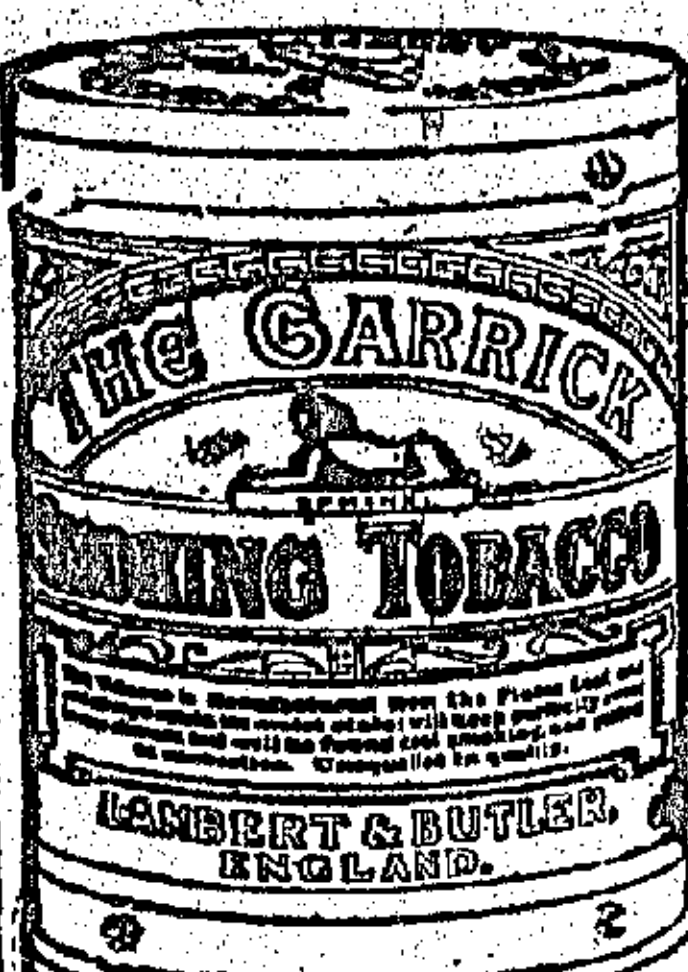
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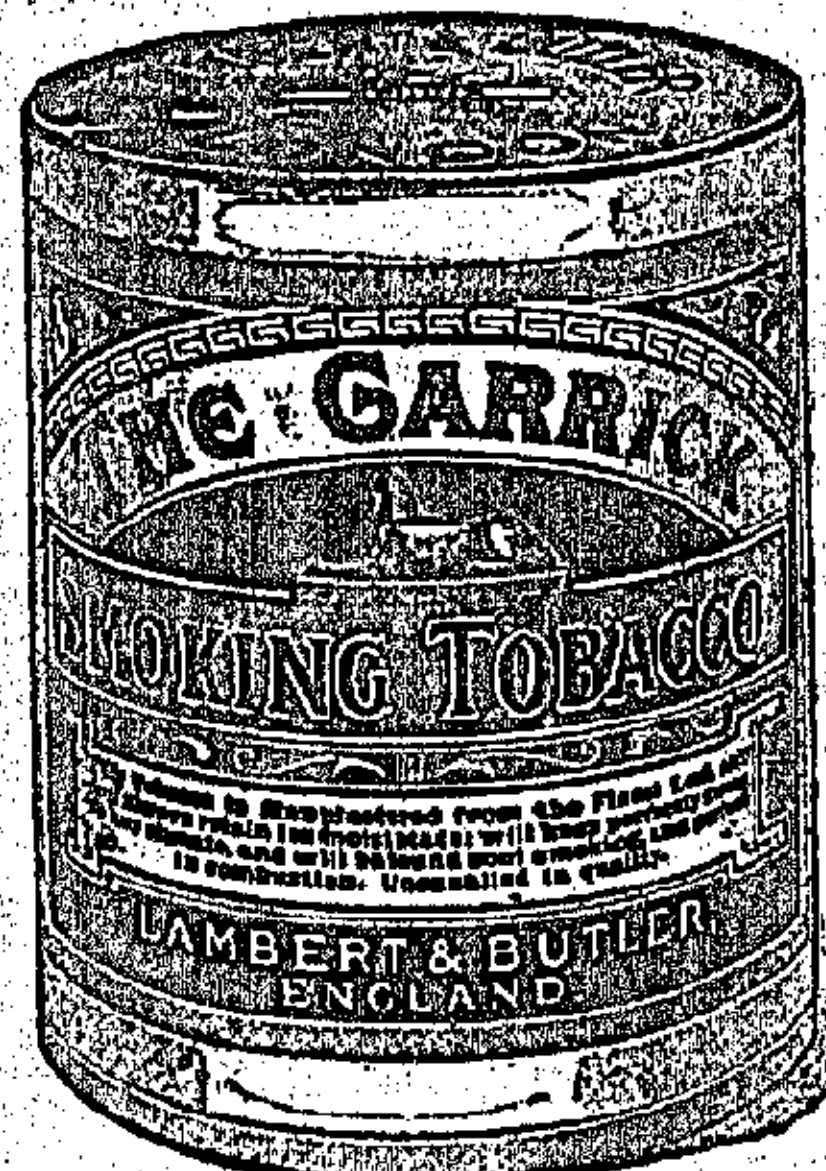
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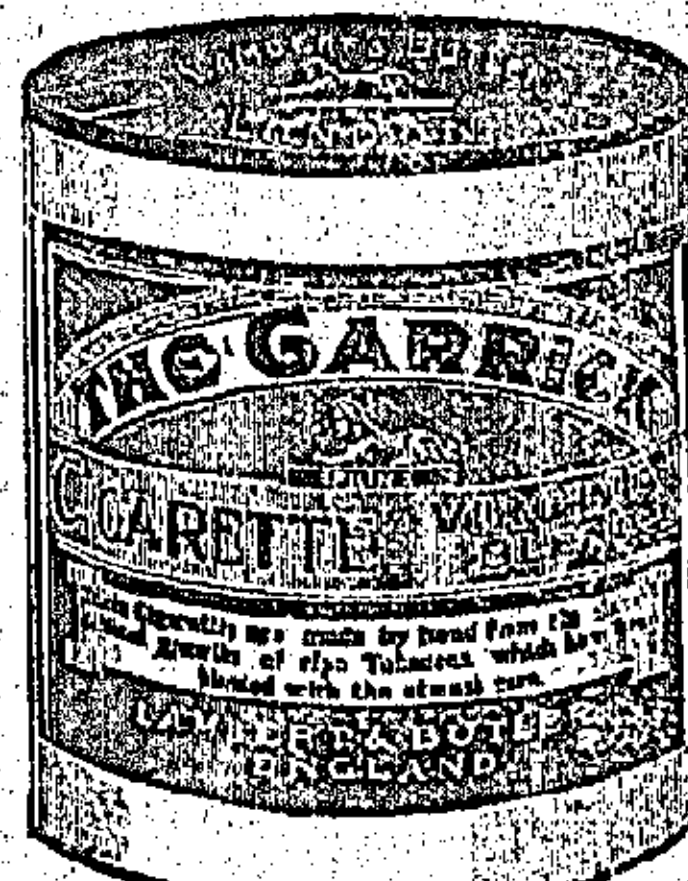


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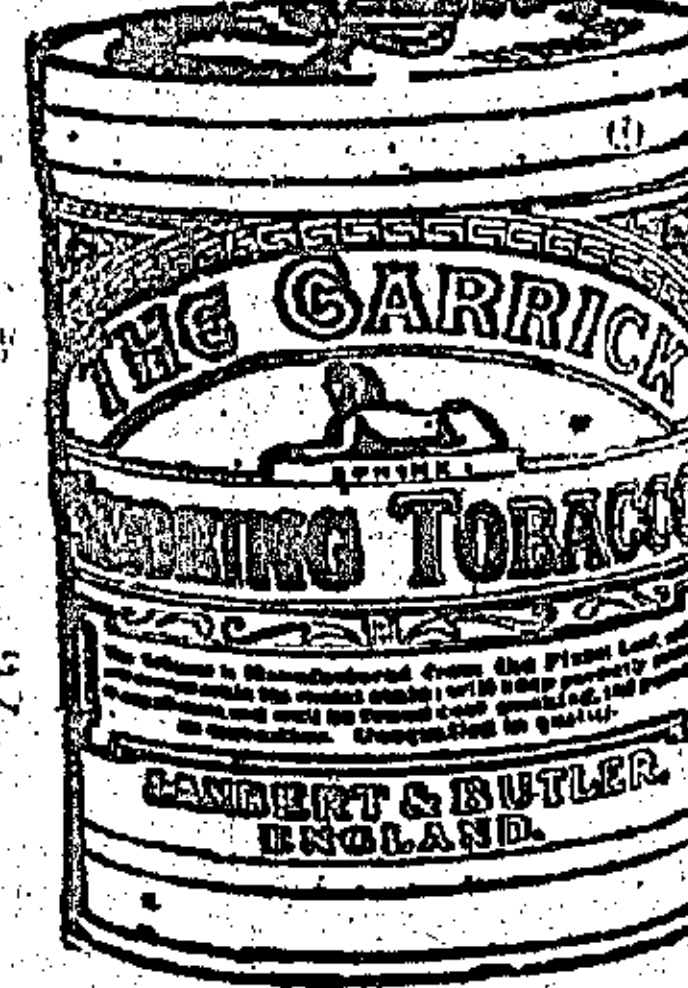


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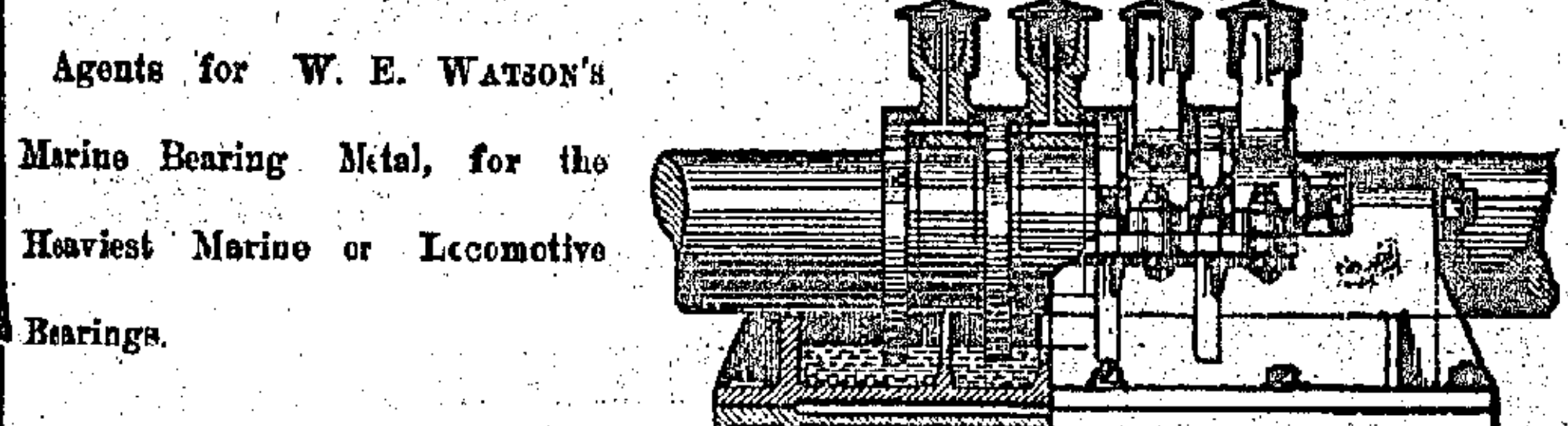


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